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Water Agency Responds to 50 Gallon Wastewater Spill in Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District

(Santa Rosa, CA) — Sonoma County Water Agency officials today responded to Ross Court in El Verano where 50 gallons of wastewater spilled out of a manhole and into a drainage ditch. The wastewater soaked into the ground. The cause of the spill is still under investigation. Work crews determined that the wastewater did not enter any waterways. The manhole and sewer pipe is part of the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District, which is operated by the Sonoma County Water Agency.

“It is our priority to protect people and the environment no matter the size of a spill,” said Deputy Chief Engineer of Operations Pam Jeane.

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, Sonoma County Health Services and the Office of Emergency Services were notified.

Past overflows in the District have been attributed to grease clogging a sewer line. To keep sewer lines “Grease-Free”, SCWA encourages the following:

- Never pour fats, oils, or cooking grease down the sink or garbage disposal.
- Pour excess grease into a container with a tight fitting lid and freeze for disposal with your household garbage; and wipe the remaining grease from the pan with a scraper or paper towel.
- Place food scraps in appropriate waste containers or compost bins rather than into the drain or garbage disposal. For more information regarding the proper disposal of fats, oils and grease, call the Sonoma County Eco-Desk at 707-565-3375 or go to www.recyclenow.org.

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